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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Each year, an estimated 250 people fall through
3 ice-covered bodies of water and drown; most are boys between
4 the ages of 6 and 15 years; and

5 WHEREAS, On February 19, 2010, Kathy Kohler Baxmeyer, her
6 son, Kadin, and Kadin's best friend, Austin, all drowned after
7 ice gave way on a frozen pond, the boys fell through, and
8 Kadin's mom tried to save them; and

9 WHEREAS, Project SKiPPeR was created out of that tragedy
10 and is an educational program that will go into schools and
11 teach children about the dangers of ice-covered water; and

12 WHEREAS, Project SKiPPeR is an acronym for "stay calm, kick
13 like a swimmer, aim for ice edge, prop arms onto ice opening,
14 pull yourself up onto ice, exit the water, roll away";
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 respectfully request that the State Board of Education inform
19 school districts about Project SKiPPeR; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 delivered to the State Board of Education.